(b) whether this project has been found feasible and if so, the steps taken to implement it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The National Water Development Agency which was formed in 1982 is responsible to carry out the studies of the National Perspective for water Resources which comprises of two components namely, Peninsular rivers development and Himalayan rivers development for trnsferring water from water surplus basins to water scares basins. The Agency has completed prefeasbility studies for all the seventeen proposed links under Peninsular component and five links under Himalayan component. Feasiblility reports for three links under Peninsular component have also been completed. After the prefeasibility studies are completed, these are circulated to the concerned basin States for their comments/ suggestions. These comments/ suggestions along with the clarifications thereon by the Agency are discussed in the Technical Advisory Committee of the National Water Development Agency. The projects can be considered for implementation after necessary agreements are reached amongst concerned States.

Study to reduce production cost of fertilizers

2479. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study to find ways to reduce the production cost of fertilizers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) while no formal study has been undertaken to find out ways to reduce the production cost of fertilizers, the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Fertilizer Pricing had outlined certain measures towards this end. Some of the recommendations of JPC accepted by the Government are: recognition of eneng conservation measures while fixing the retention prices in respect of controlled fertilizers; abolition of customs duty on import of phosphoric acid; abolition of customs duty on import of plant and machinery required for setting up of fertilizer plants; and interest rate concessions on long term loans. Some of the recommendations which could not be accepted are: reduction in the price of natural gas, freezing the price of other feedstocks for fertilizer industry, viz. naphtha, fuel oil, and LSHS, and abolition of excise duty on capital goods required for setting up of fertilizer plants.

Visit of Chief Advisor, BICP to determine prices of Rifampicin

2480. SHRI IUSH DUTTYADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICAL AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that single man costing team headed by present Chief Adviosor (Cost) of the BICP visited vairous units to determine the price of Rifampicin and its intermediates Rifa-S anbd Rifa-SV;

(b) if so, the findings thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the report of the team is based on the concocted data and does not mention even quantity of imported and indigenous inputs used in the form of Rifa-S and Rifa-SV; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to inquire into the whole matter and have a fresh study conducted?

THE MINISTER STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) no, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.